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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1807.

1. Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder ROBERT T. DANIEL, from Matthew 1. & 21. "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus; for he shall save his people from their sins."

2. After worship, proceeded to business.—Constitution and Decorum read. Opened by praise and prayer by Elder BELL.

3. Elder MICAJAH THOMAS chosen *Moderator;* Elder ROBERT T. DANIEL, *Clerk;* and Brother PRESTON PEARSON, *Assistant Clerk.*

4. Brethren *George Gully* and *John Phillips*, appointed a Committee of Finance, to receive the contributions and make settlements with the Treasurer.

5. Church Letters were called for, read and received.

6. The following Churches petitioned by letter and messengers to be admitted into this Association, *(to wit)* four from Wake, that is, *Pleasant Spring*, *Bethel*, *Cool Spring*, and *Union;* also one from Johnston, *Mill Creek.* They being found orthodox and orderly, were received.

☞ Pastors of Churches will appear in SMALL CAPITALS; Licensed Preachers in *Italics.* Those marked thus † were not present. —— denotes no Pastors.

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Counties and Churches.	Ministers and Messengers.	Baptism.	Received by letter.	Dismissed by letter	Restored	Excommunicated.	Deceased.	Numbers.	Sums Contributed. £. s. d.
. Cumberland, Neale's Creek.	NATHAN GULLY,† Stephen Pope. † William Avera. Benjamin Johnston,† Abraham Beaman, Isham Johnston.	1	4	3	0	4	0	104	1 6 0
2. Johnston, Rocky Spring.	JOHN GULLY, *William Wall,* William Broadwell, Ezekiel Stallions, George Gully, Jesse Wall.	1	0	0	0	3	2	47	0 15 0
3. Johnston, Union.	MICAJAH THOMAS, Richard Warren, Arthur Dautry, John Phillips, William Braddie, Edmund Howell.	4	0	1	0	1	2	76	1 0 0
4. Wake, Cross Roads.	ZADOCK BELL, John Fort, Frederick Fort Belling Dunn, James Fort.	0	0	12	0	0	2	51	1 9 6
5. Wake, Holly Spring.	ROBERT T. DANIEL, Needham Norris,† Richard Woodward,† Silas Green, David Holland,† James Deford.	2	6	101	0	8	1	85	0 18 0
6. Wake, Pleasant Spring.	—— —— Preston Pearson, Simon Stephenson.	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	0 17 0
7. Wake, Bethel.	—— —— George Nance, John Moore.	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	0 15 0

8. Wake, Cool Spring	—— —— Ozias Vinson, John Terry.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	
9. Wake, Union.	John Purifoy, Nicholas Lewis, Barthol mew Fuller.	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	0	10	0	
10. Johnston, Mill Creek.	Lewis Caudle, James Woodall.	0	0	0	0	0	0	156	1	0	0	
	Total,	44	4	17	0	16		645	9	0	6	

7. Received letters of correspondence from the following Associations: one from *Flat River*, by their Messengers Elders *James Weathers* and *Thomas Thomison*, who were invited to a seat with us. Another from *Cape-Fear*, with a number of their *Minutes*. Also a letter from *Neuse*, with a number of their *Minutes*, which were thankfully received.

8. Elder John Gully, who was appointed to write the Circular Letter, presented the same, read and received.

9. Brethren John Gully, Simon Stephenson, and John Phillips, with the *Moderator* and *Clerks*, were appointed a Committee to arrange the business of this Association, and make report on Monday, 10 o'clock, A. M. Also write Letters of Correspondence to the following Associations, *(to wit) Cape-Fear*, *Flat River*, *Neuse*, and *Sandy Creek Associations*.

10. Elders appointed to preach to-morrow.—Elders Weathers, Thomas and Daniel.—Worship to begin at 10 o'clock, A. M. Adjourned by praise and prayer, by Elder Thomas Thomison, till Monday 10 o'clock, A. M.

LORD'S DAY, NOVEMBER 8.

Elders appointed to preach, met. A large

audience attended.—WEATHERS preached from Job xxii & 21. "Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace; thereby good shall come unto thee." THOMAS from Romans, i, 16. "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation." DANIEL from Jeremiah, xv, 19. "And if thou take forth the precious from the vile, thou shalt be as my mouth." We hope and trust that a divine blessing attended the labours of the day.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9.

11. Met according to adjournment. Opened by praise and prayer by Elder JOHN GULLY.

12. The Committee appointed to arrange the business of this Association, were called upon to present the same, which was received, and the Committee discharged. Also the Letters of Correspondence were called for, read and received.

13. Corresponding Messengers appointed to attend the following Associations; that is, Elder R. T. DANIEL to *Sandy Creek;* Elder J. PURIFOY to *Flat River;* Elder L. CAUDLE to *Cape Fear;* and Elder M. THOMAS to *Neuse Associations.*

14. Elder JOHN PURIFOY appointed to write the Circular Letter to the next Association on any religious subject, and be at liberty to make choice of the same.

15. Resolved, that Brother PRESTON PEARSON transcribe the Minutes of this Association, superintend the printing of three hundred copies, and distribute them amongst the Churches as usual, with the price of printing the same inserted.

16. Request by Elder *Lewis Caudle*, that this Association send Elders to Sampson Mingo Church, on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in February, 1808, for the purpose of settling some business; for which purpose we request Elders *John Purifoy*, *Nathan Gully*, and *Robert T. Daniel* to attend.

17. *Quere* 1. By R. T. DANIEL.—What is excess in drinking spirituous liquors?

Answer. Excess in this point is drinking such quantities of spirituous liquors, as will leave the faithful child of God wounded with himself.

18. *Quere* 2 What do we understand to be the sin of extortion?—By *George Nance*.

Laid over till next Association.

19. Motion made by the select committee, and agreed to, that our letters in future contain our sentiments on the fundamentals of religion.

20. Motion made by Elder JOHN GULLY, that the name of Chief Speaker should be instead of Moderator. Laid over for consideration at next Association.

21. The Committee of Finance reported as follows:

That there was in the fund last Association, - - - - - -	£	8	5 6
Paid for printing last year's Minutes,		5	10 0
Remaining from last year,	£	2	15 6
Received this year from ten Churches,		9	0 6
Now remaining, - - - -	£	11	16 0
Allowed the Clerk for last years Minutes, - - - - -	£	1	5 0
And for the present year, - -		2	0 0

For transcribing and superintending the printing of our Minutes, and distributing the same.

22. Our next Association will be at *Union Meeting House, Johnston county*; beginning Saturday before the second Sunday in November, 1808, to be held three days. Worship to begin at 11 o'clock, A. M. Elder ZADOCK BELL to preach the Introductory Sermon. In case of failure, Elder JOHN PURIFOY.

23. Communion of the LORD'S SUPPER will be administered on Sunday, at our next Association, by some of the Elders of the Baptist connection.

Concluded by praise and prayer by Elder LEWIS CAUDLE.

Note.—The Clerk wishes to inform the Churches, that agreeable to our form of government, there can be but four members from each Church next year.

MICAJAH THOMAS, *Moderator.*
ROBERT T. DANIEL. *Clerk.*

Circular Letter.

The Elders and Messengers of the several Churches belonging to the *Raleigh Baptist Association*, convened at Cross Roads Meeting House, Wake County, North Carolina, November 7, 1807, send Christian Salutation to the Churches they have the honour to represent.

Beloved in Christ Jesus,

THROUGH the unchanging goodness of our *God* we are once more permitted to con-

vene together at the time and place appointed for our annual meeting, where we have the opportunity to hear of the state of the Churches in our Union. Some of your letters made our hearts rejoice when we heard the good tidings of the *Lord's* adding to his Churches; such as we trust and hope is born again; although some letters in our union, state Religion to be at a low ebb; but we trust you are sound in the faith once delivered to the Saints. We address you on the subject of *Christian Union*, in this our letter. Psalms, cxxxiii. 1. "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in *unity*." Therefore it is of *God*, & as goodness cometh from *God*, we ought to love the brotherhood. I. Peter. II. 17, "Honour all men; love the brotherhood; fear *God*." I Epistle of John, III. 1. "Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us that we should be called the sons of *God!* Therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not."

St. John xv. 12. "This is my commandment, that ye love one another, as I have loved you." Verse 17—"these things I command you, that you *love* one another." John xiii. 34. "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye *love* one another, as I have *loved* you; that ye also *love* one another." Verse 35—"By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have *love* one to another." I Epistle of John, III. 14. "We know that we have passed from death unto *life*, because we *love* the Brethren: he that *loveth* not his brother, abideth in death." I John, iv. 7 and 8. "Beloved, let us *love* one another; for *love* is of *God*, and every one

that *loveth* is born of *God*, and knoweth *God*; he that *loveth* not, knoweth not *God*, for *God* is love."

Dear Brethren, the bounds of a circular letter forbids a long epistle; therefore remember Joseph saying to his Brethren, Genises, xlv. 24. "see that ye fall not out by the way." From the above scriptures quoted, we are to guard against the spirit of the world; we must *love* one another for Christ's sake: bear one another's burdens, and so fullfil the law of *Christ*; therefore we must not speak evil one of another; neither credit malicious reports, which invalidates one another; but let us draw the contrast in our judgment, between the spirit of Antichrist, and the imperfection of fallen man; and the genuine spirit of Christ's sweet gospel, by letting our lights so shine befor men, that they may see our good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven. Let the ministers pull in the gospel yoke like a company of horses in Pharoah's Chariot, and not prefer one before another. Let each member esteem each other higher in love; guard against partiality, against whispering, and against swelling tumults; for whosoever will be a *friend* of the world, is the enemy of God. Therefore stand to the doctrine of eternal life, which is predestination unto life, before the foundation of the world through Jesus Christ our Lord, and by well doing, put to silence the ignorance of foolish men;—the rich and and the poor meet together; the *Lord* is the maker of them both. Therefore *love* not the rich, for his gold or pearls, or costly array or goodly apparel, but strive for that *union* and peace, which becomes all God's dear children. Be

sure to be united in the same mind and judgment; metemorphose none of the ordinances of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. And now dear brethren, take our friendly advice, and what you find in this our epistle agreeable to truth, hoard it up as a precious treasure; and never with it part, whilst you are in your pilgrimage here below; and we pray *God*, your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

MICAJAH THOMAS, *Moderator.*
ROBERT T. DANIEL, *Clerk.*

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